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SUBJECT: SITREP CYPRUS
SITUATION REPORT NO. 30
SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 1500 EDT, JULY 31

1. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: THE SITUATION REMAINS BASICALLY QUIET ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF TURKISH BOMBARDMENT OF GREEK NG POSTS FROM THE SEA BETWEEN KARAVAS AND AAPITHOS. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS THAT THE TURKS ARE MOVING TO THE PERIPHERY OF THEIR AREA OF CONTROL IN THE WEST, PRINCIPALLY IN THE KARAVAS-LAPITHOS AREA. IN NICOSIA THE TURKS MOVED ACROSS THE GOLF COURSE AND OCCUPIED NICOSIA CLUB. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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AS OF 12:05 P.M. (EDT), THE THREE-NATION MILITARY TEAM TO ASCERTAIN THE CEASEFIRE LINE HAD NOT YET BEEN ACTIVATED, AND THE UNFICYP WAS RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE. THE UK HICOM HAS ASKED LONDON FOR AUTHORITY TO CONVENE THE GROUP. CLERIDES HAS EXPRESSED DISMAY AT THE DELAY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE LATEST US ESTIMATES PLACE TURKISH STRENGTH ON CYPRUS AT ABOUT 22,000 SUPPORTED BY 100-150 TANKS. UNFICYP STRENGTH WAS PLACED AT 3,500 BY A UN SPOKESMAN WHO ADDED THAT ANOTHER 1,500 TROOPS WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE THE CEASEFIRE WORK. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SEVERAL COMMITMENTS TO DATE FOR A TOTAL FORCE OF 4,303 MEN. (SECRET/EXDIS)

GENEVA AGREEMENT: BOTH PM KARAMANLIS OF GREECE AND PM ECEVIT OF TURKEY HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE DECLARATION OF GENEVA (AS IT IS OFFICIALLY TITLED). REUTERS REPORTS THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF NATO HAS ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE AGREEMENT, AND THAT ONE HIGH ALLIANCE OFFICIAL HAS STATED THAT "CYPRUS IS OUT OF THE WAY FOR NATO". THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TALKS IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 8, 1974.

THE SOVIET "OBSERVER" TO THE GENEVA TALKS, MR. MININ, MADE HIS ONLY APPEARANCE AT THE PALAIS AT 1330 EDT, JULY 30, SHORTLY BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. MININ'S APPROACH WAS LOW-KEY BUT VERY INQUISITIVE AND, IN THE OPINION OF THE PEOPLE HE TALKED TO, HE WAS LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF TALKS. HIS MAIN CONCERN APPEARED TO BE THE NON-REPRESENTATION OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE AT THE PRESENT ROUND OF TALKS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

GREECE AND TURKEY: FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF GENEVA, FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS AND FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES HELD PRESS CONFERENCES IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

-- ON THE POSSIBLE FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT FOR CYPRUS:

A. GREECE HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF FEDERALISM. THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS MUST BE DECIDED BY THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE.

B. TURKEY HOLDS THE THESIS THAT FEDERALISM WOULD BE A MOST SUITABLE AND PROFITABLE SOLUTION FOR BOTH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

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-- ON FUTURE GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS:

A. BOTH STRESSED THAT THE AGREEMENT MARKED
A NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS.

B. GREECE (MAVROS) SAID A KARAMANLIS-ECEVIT
SUMMIT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE "NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE".

C. TURKEY (GUNES) EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF AND OTHER PROBLEMS WOULD BE WORKED OUT
IN A REASONABLE SPIRIT.

-- ON THE FUTURE OF MAKARIOS:

A. TURKEY (GUNES) SAID MAKARIOS NOW HAS "NO
EFFECTIVE POWER".

B. GREECE (MAVROS) STILL CONSIDERS MAKARIOS
THE LEGITIMATE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, BUT THAT HIS FUTURE
WAS UP TO THE CYPRIOTS. HE ADDED HIS PREDICTION THAT
CLERIDES AND DENKTASH WOULD REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE
COMMUNITIES AT THE SECOND PHASE OF TALKS.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL: THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEGAN MEETING
AT 3:00 P.M. EDT. AMONG OTHER BUSINESS THE MEMBERS WILL
BE CONSIDERING A US-UK DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS WHICH
"NOTES THAT ALL STATES HAVE DECLARED THEIR RESPECT
FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS", AND ALSO "TAKES NOTE OF THE DECLAR-
ATION AGREED TO BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE,
TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM..., AND REQUESTS THE
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
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IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DECLARATION". USUN EXPECTS
TROUBLE FROM THE SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH IS UNHAPPY WITH
THE AGREEMENT, BUT IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO CAST A VETO.
EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE US AND UK TO WORK OUT A
FORMULA FOR THE SYG TO USE IN CONDUCTING UNFICYP PEACE-
KEEPING OPERATIONS IN CYPRUS WITHOUT HAVING TO BRING
UP THE MANDATE QUESTION IN THE SC.

CYPRUS TASK FORCE: THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CYPRUS TASK
FORCE WILL BE CLOSING DOWN AS OF COB TODAY. THIS WILL
BE THE FINAL SITUATION REPORT ISSUED BY THE TASK FORCE.
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